



**Minutes of the meeting of the
QUINTE REGION SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

Date: March 28, 2019, 6:30 pm

**Location: Quinte Conservation - Joe Eberwein Board Room
2061 Old Highway 2
Belleville ON**

- Members Present: **Max Christie** (Quinte Region Source Protection Committee Chair), , **Jack Alexander** (Economic - Small Business, **Heather Lang** (Economic - Agriculture), **Ron Hamilton** (Municipal - Group 5), **Phil Norton** (Other Interests - Rural Non-Farm), **Mel Plewes** (Other Interests - Public Urban), **Mary Wooding** (Liaison - Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks), **Terry Kennedy** (Other Interests - Environmental), **Curtis Maracle** (First Nations - Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte), **Gary Fox** (Economic – Agriculture), **Mike Kerby** (Liaison - Quinte Region Source Protection Authority), **Jo-Anne Albert** (Municipal - Marmora and Lake, Centre Hastings, and Tweed), **Josh Powles** (General Public – Education), **Sandy Latchford** (Economic – Business)
- Members Absent: **Todd Kring** (First Nations - Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte), **Doug Parker** (Other Interests - General Public), **Ernie Margetson** (Municipal - Prince Edward County), **Bryon Keene** (Economic - Business), **Eric Bauer** (Other Interests - General Public), **Andrew Landy** (Liaison - Health Unit), **Garnett Thompson** (Municipal - City of Belleville).
- Also Present: **Terry Shea** (Retiring Member - Economic - Tourism and Recreation), **Rahmathulla Marikkar** (Retiring Member - Economic - Large Business), **Clarence Zieman** (Retiring Member -Municipal - Greater Napanee and Town of Deseronto) **Amy Dickens** (Source Water Protection Project Coordinator – Quinte Conservation), **Brad McNevin** (Quinte Conservation – CAO), **Michelle Grandchamp** (Communications Intern - Quinte Conservation) , **Keith Taylor** (Risk Management Official – Quinte Conservation)

55.1 Call to Order

Chair, Max Christie called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

55.2 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved through consensus.

55.3 Chair's Statement to Guests

This is addressed to anyone that is not a board member and/or staff person of Quinte Conservation: Your name will be used in the meeting minutes and the minutes will become public information after review and approval of the source protection committee. If you are present for a delegation or hearing, the context of your presentation will be recorded in the minutes of the source protection committee meeting.

55.4 Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

There were no disclosures of conflict of interest.

55.5 Adoption of the Previous Minutes

By consensus the Quinte Region Source Protection Committee approved the minutes of the November 15, 2018 meeting.

55.6 Change of Membership

Terry Shea, retiring Tourism and Recreation representative, Rahumathulla Marikkar, retiring Large Business representative, and Clarence Zieman, retiring municipal representative were sincerely thanked for their long standing service to the Committee since 2007.

55.7 Committee Turnover

Two new members, Sandy Latchford, Economic – Business representative, and Josh Powles, General Public – Education representative were welcomed by the committee and introductions were made.

Chair, Max Christie, explained to new members that the Quinte Region Source Protection Committee follows Robert's Rules and the rule regarding 'General Consent', only requiring votes when consensus is not achieved.

Staff gave an update on the turnover process. All interviews for the economic and other interest positions advertised in 2018 are complete and to date three appointments and three re-appointments were made by the Source Protection Authority. Staff stated that all terms not yet addressed must expire prior to January 1, 2020. These expiries include the municipal representative seats as well as the agricultural seats under the economic sector. All committee members currently holding these seats were asked to inform the project manager whether or not they intend to reapply/would like to continue to represent their municipality.

Staff explained should the municipal representatives wish to serve an additional term, a statement explaining such will be included in the notice sent to the municipalities. Regulation 288/07 states that notices must be sent to all municipalities stating that committee terms must expire by the end of 2019 and asking each municipal group to send a 'list of persons' to represent their municipality. From that list, the Source Protection Authority chooses a person and appoints them to the Source Protection Committee.

A committee member asked whether or not the Source Protection Authority was going to reach out to agricultural groups originally involved in the selection of the agricultural representatives. Staff explained that a poll of the Eastern Ontario Source Protection Authorities showed that where the current members reapplied to the committee, these groups were notified but not asked to select new members; therefore a consistent approach will be followed.

Finally, staff explained that although the First Nations seats on the committee do not have an expiration date, this would be the time to change appointments, should the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte wish, therefore a notice will be sent for the First Nations sector representation.

55.8 Committee Outreach

Staff updated the committee on the progress of the committee outreach materials. The generic outreach presentation is nearing completion and upon successful review by the Chair will be circulated to all committee members. The presentation covers all sectors and committee members are able to tailor the presentation to their sector. Staff reminded committee members that the goal is to engage the sector they represent on the committee and that giving a presentation is not the only outreach opportunity. A committee member explained his sector outreach consisted of writing an article for Harrowsmith Magazine's spring addition.

The Chair encouraged committee members to bring forward any presentations or materials and if they wish, the Chair and/or Project Manager will attend as well.

55.9 Program Update

Staff updated the committee that the Section 36 Work plan was submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in November 2018 and will drive updates to the Source Protection Plan over the upcoming years.

Staff reported there is a new Director of the Source Protection Programs Branch at the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. Heather Malcolmson, the previous Director has left to go to a different department and the new director is Susan Ecclestone. Staff was happy to report correspondence from the new Director confirmed funding from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks will continue into the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Staff explained presentations have been provided to three municipal councils since January of 2019. Presentations related to the source protection program, the vulnerable areas for each municipality and the municipal role within the program.

Staff highlighted the majority of risk management plans have been negotiated. The remaining plans to be negotiated are those landowners staff have not yet been able to reach via phone. Staff explained these remaining landowners have been sent letters asking them to arrange a site visit with staff and if left unanswered will move to registered mail as a next step.

55.10 Annual Progress Report

Staff updated the Committee on the Annual Progress Report. Source Protection Authorities must report annually on the progress of implementation of policies within the Quinte Region Source Protection Plan. The Source Protection Authority has received annual reporting from ministries, municipalities, and Risk Management Officials over the last four years. 2019 is the second year for the Quinte Region to submit an annual progress report to Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks under Section 45 of *Clean Water Act*. The Annual Progress Report is due May 1, 2019. There are two components to the Annual Progress Report: a public facing document and a supplemental form developed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, both of which are populated using annual reports received from implementing bodies.

Staff also commented that the objectives for the Source Protection Plan Report are defined by the Clean Water Act. A summary of the report was given under the following sections:

- Source Protection Plan Policies
- Municipal Progress
- Septic Inspections
- Risk Management Plans
- Provincial Progress
- Source Protection Awareness

The committee decided by consensus a grade of “P: Progressing Well / On Target” for all above sections of the Annual Progress Report.

A committee member asked if the Source Protection Authority charged for the Clearance Notices required under S59 of the *Clean Water Act*. Staff explained there is no charge for these clearance reviews.

The committee also approved, by consensus, the rationale described regarding how the committee came to the decision of the progress score to describe the extent of which the objectives set out in the plan are being achieved by the measures described in the report.

A committee member asked if funding still existed for septic inspections and upgrades. Staff explained this funding was only available prior to the source protection plan coming into effect.

55.11 Madoc Update

Staff presented the committee with an update on the new well system in Madoc, stating that with low water situations, there was need for a new well. Staff explained the Municipality of Centre Hastings eventually chose a well location and had planned to use the existing pump-house at the Whytock well to treat the water. Due to the elevated cost to do so, the Municipality has had to amend their Class Environmental Assessment to include a new pump-house adjacent to the new well. Staff explained as this Class Environmental Assessment is wrapping up, the Source Protection Plan updates are entering the pre-consultation phase, which will be followed by a 30 day public consultation period. Following consultation, any comments received will be presented to the committee.

55.12 Other Business:

A committee member shared that on Friday March 29, 2019, inspired by ‘Fridays for Futures’, the ‘Earth Hour’ walk was occurring. Participants were asked to gather at Zwicks Park and would be walking over the Bay Bridge to M.P.P. Todd Smith’s office to express concerns about climate change and other environmental issues.

55.13 Future Meetings: A future meeting will be called at the discretion of the Chair.

55.13 Meeting Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Max Christie, Chair